REMARKS

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 19, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I.   Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-16, and 18-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Suzuki, et al.* ("Suzuki," U.S. Pat. No. 6,134,667). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As indicated above, independent claims 1, 11, 16, and 22 have been amended through this Response. Regarding independent claims 1 and 11, the claims have been amended to describe the action of measuring the temperature of the storage device "in response to commands received by a storage device driver stored in memory of the computer". Applicant respectfully submits that Suzuki does not teach such an action. In particular, column 5, line 59, identified in the Office Action fails to teach such commands received by a "storage device driver". Instead, that portion of Suzuki's disclosure provides:

> The "Performance" mode decreases the internal temperature of the system without lowering the operation performance of the CPU 11. In this mode, the rotation/stop timing and rotation speed of the fan 21 are controlled on the basis of the CPU temperature, HDD temperature, and PC card controller ambient temperature respectively detected by temperature sensors A, B, and C.

Suzuki, column 5, lines 57-63. Simply stated, that excerpt is silent as to a "storage device driver" receiving commands to sense a temperature.

Regarding independent claim 16, Suzuki does not teach a "controller of the storage device for sending the measured temperature". Applicant notes that that limitation, which was previously contained in claim 19, was not separately addressed by the Examiner.

Finally, regarding independent claim 22, Suzuki does not teach "logic of a storage device driver configured to command the logic configured to read a temperature to read that temperature", for reasons described above. Furthermore, Suzuki does not teach "logic stored in memory of the storage device configured to read a temperature of a storage device measured by a temperature sensor provided in or on the storage device". Applicant notes that that limitation, which was previously contained in claim 23, was not separately addressed by the Examiner.

In view of the above, independent claims 1, 11, 16, and 22, as well as their dependents, are allowable over Suzuki.

II.   Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Suzuki* in view of *Browning, et al.* ("Browning," U.S. Pat. No. 6,415,388). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As is identified above, Suzuki does not teach aspects of Applicant's independent claims. In that Browning does not remedy the deficiencies of the Suzuki reference, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7, which depends from claim 1, is allowable over the Suzuki/Browning combination for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable over Suzuki.
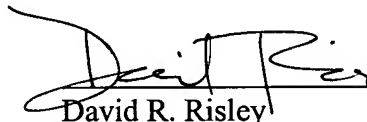
III. Canceled Claims

Claims 2, 12, 17, 19, 23, 24, 26-28, 33, and 34 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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